(c) the total income realized every year by the sale of Crown grant waste lands in public auction; and

(d) the extent of land given freely to Kallar, Pallar, poor Muslims and other depressed classes between 1915—28?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir; it will involve a great deal of trouble and time to collect the information."

Subsidy to the Travancore Darbar for lands occupied by the Periyar lake.

*1746 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: (1) Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table the entire papers regarding the annual subsidy paid to the Travancore Darbar for the land occupied by Periyar lake and (2) what is the total area acquired from the Travancore Government?

A.—(1) The Government do not think it would serve any useful purpose to place papers on the table. The hon. Member will find information about the project in Mackenzie's "History of the Periyar Project."

(2) About 8,000 acres.

Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR:—"May I know the amount paid to the Travancore Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The amount was originally Rs. 40,000 a year; it was raised to Rs. 42,965 a year in 1901."

Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR:—"May I ask whether the Government are paying a fixed amount annually?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Yes, Sir."

Silting up of the Godavari river bed near the railway bridge.

*1747 Q.—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the loss of revenue incurred by the Government every year during the last five years on account of the silting up of the bed of the Godavari river in the neighbourhood of the Godavari railway bridge;

(b) whether any attempts have been made to remove the sand thus deposited; and, if so, when and with what result; and

(c) whether there is any correspondence between this Government and the Government of India regarding the Godavari railway bridge and its effect on the irrigation of the delta; and, if so, whether a copy of it can be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that there has been any loss of revenue on this account.

(b) Steps have been taken to wash away as far as possible the sand shoals above the railway bridge at Rajahmundry and estimates for Rs. 10,200 and Rs. 4,850 have recently been executed.

Nanal and other growth is being uprooted in the various shoals up to the aniout and the soil loosened to encourage the scouring action of flood water.

(c) There has been no such correspondence recently.

Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether there was any correspondence at any time and, if so, whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House ? " 11-30 a.m.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I believe there was some discussion at the time when the railway bridge was being constructed but I do not remember to have seen any correspondence about it. The hon. Member will find considerable information in a note on this subject which was placed on the table of the House in answer to a question about the 1st of February 1929."

Mr A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether Government do not apprehend danger to irrigation by the continual silting up due to the existence of the railway bridge at the present place ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I cannot say it is due to that. The silting up is probably due more to the aniout than to the railway bridge."

Investigation of irrigation schemes in Malabar.

* 1748 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of initiating in the district of Malabar any irrigation scheme ;

(b) if so, when, and what became of the scheme, and if not, why not ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the question of introducing an irrigation scheme in the district in the near future ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A list[a] of schemes which were investigated since 1903 but abandoned is annexed.

(c) The Government have no scheme under consideration at present.

Land Revenue

Exemption from payment of water-rates in the Periyar system.

* 1749 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table—

(a) all their orders from 1921 till 1929 regarding exemption from payment of water-rates and land revenues ;

(b) the number of pattadars of depressed classes in Nellore, Kistna and other northern districts ;

(c) the extent of land so exempted ; and

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 939 infra.